

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claims for consideration by the Examiner:

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---24. The lens barrier opening/closing device according to claim 1, further comprising a moving mechanism that moves said barrier drive ring and said rotational barrier so that a relative distance between said rotational barrier and said barrier drive ring along the optical axis is varied in accordance with rotation of said rotational barrel.

25. The lens barrier opening/closing device according to claim 1, further comprising a moving mechanism that moves said barrier drive ring and said rotational barrier so that a relative distance between said rotational barrier and said barrier drive ring along the optical axis is varied in accordance with rotation of said rotational barrel.

26. The camera according to claim 14, further comprising a moving mechanism that moves said barrier drive ring and said rotational barrier so that a relative distance between said rotational barrier and said barrier drive ring along the optical axis is varied in accordance with rotation of said rotational barrel.

27. The lens barrier opening/closing device according to claim 15, further comprising:  
a rotational barrel which at least rotates about said optical axis when said linearly movable lens barrel moves between said accomodation position and said photographing position; and